

Application No. 10/776,039

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONIn the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s) (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

Page 10, lines 19 and 20,

The vehicle mounted step assembly 10 is attached to a vehicle by means of a receiver hitch ~~[[90]]~~ 104. The second end 42 of the pivot mount 32 is extended into the receiver hitch ~~[[90]]~~ 104 and then locked into place using a receiver hitch pin ~~[[92]]~~ 106.

Page 11, line 9,

Figs. 10 and 11 also illustrate the vehicle mounted step assembly 10 in the second configuration that is particularly suited for use with pick-ups that have a tailgate ~~[[94]]~~ 108, which pivots to a lowered position to facilitate access to the vehicle bed. By using the vehicle mounted step assembly 10 in the second configuration, the platform portion 12 is moved away from the tongue portion 14 so that a significant portion of the platform portion 12 is not underneath the tailgate 108.